

Important Dates in the History of Voting

- 1776**—When the nation announced its independence from Great Britain, the right to vote was based on property ownership.
- 1787**—The new Constitution of the United States gave states the authority to set voting rights.
- 1870**—The 15th Amendment prohibited states and the federal government from denying the right to vote based on a citizen's race.
- 1890**—Wyoming became the first state to give women the right to vote.
- 1920**—The 19th Amendment allowed women the right to vote.
- 1953**—Voting machines were first used in Louisiana.
- 1964**—The 24th Amendment forbade the use of a poll tax or any other tax as a requirement for voting.
- 1971**—The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.



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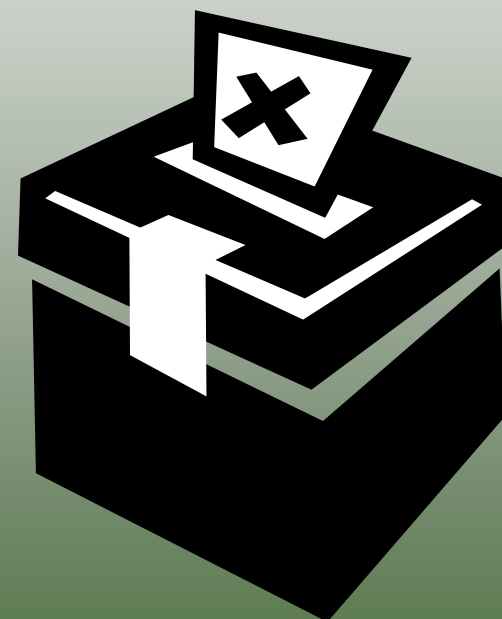
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Vote and Be Heard!



An informational voting guide for Louisiana youth



A Message from the Secretary of State

As the state's chief election officer, I encourage all eligible Louisianians to register to vote.

Young people in particular should take advantage of the opportunity to register and, equally importantly, to vote—our most sacred right.

I hope you will learn about the issues and candidates and make informed decisions each and every election day.

Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

How do I register to vote?

In order to be eligible to register to vote in Louisiana, you must:

- be a United States citizen;
- be at least **17 years old**, but must be **18 years old to vote**;
- not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction;
- not be under a judgment of full interdiction or limited interdiction where your right to vote has been suspended; and
- reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register and vote.

You may register to vote in person at your parish registrar of voters office or by mailing a voter registration application to your parish registrar's office.

To obtain a voter registration form, visit our Web site at www.GeauxVote.com, a designated mandated site (e.g., motor vehicle office, public library) or your school counselor.

Top 10 Reasons You Should Vote

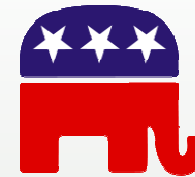
- 10) Someone gave you the right.
- 9) Local elections such as mayor and chief of police races really do have an impact on your daily life.
- 8) If you don't vote, you're not allowed to celebrate the Fourth of July. Not really!
- 7) Young people have the most to gain and lose in an election because they have to live with the consequences longer than anyone else.
- 6) If you vote and an adult you know doesn't, you can tease him or her about it for life.
- 5) Every political issue and policy affects you whether you know it or not. If you don't vote, you're putting control of your world into the hands of someone else... and you have no idea where those hands have been.
- 4) At the polling precinct you might finally get to meet that cute guy or girl from the neighborhood. Plus, they'll be instantly impressed by your devotion to civic duty.
- 3) The feeling of power you get after voting is a rush.
- 2) Election days are when everyone in the United States is equal. Your vote counts just as much as anyone else's.

And the number one reason you should vote:

Because it's your right, your voice — so be heard!



Political Party Choices



Below are the political parties that are recognized in Louisiana:

- Democratic
- Green
- Libertarian
- Reform
- Republican

You may join one of the recognized parties, or if you want to be affiliated with a political party that is not recognized, you should designate "Other" on your voter registration application.

If you do not wish to be affiliated with a political party of any kind, you should designate "None" on your voter registration application.



Want to earn money?



Become a poll worker on election day!

If you are at least 17 years old and a high school senior, you could become a trained poll worker and earn up to \$200 per election.

Contact your parish clerk of court and enroll in a commissioner training class to start earning money.